

REMARKS

With the cancellation herein without prejudice of claims 10 to 14 and 22, claims 15 to 21 and 24 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 15 to 21 and 24 are allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that the present application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter of the presence of claims 10 to 14 and 22. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the contention that there is lack of unity between (a) claims 15 to 21 and 24 and (b) claims 10 to 14 and 22, to facilitate matters, claims 10 to 14 and 22 have been canceled herein without prejudice. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance.

All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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